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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOAQUIN ORTIZ-BRAVO,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-50080

D.C. No. CR-04-01227-1-BTM

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of California
Barry T. Moskowitz, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted February 7, 2006
Pasadena, California

Before: **KOZINSKI, TROTT** and **BEA**, Circuit Judges.

Admission of the certificate of nonexistence of record (CNR) did not violate appellant's Confrontation Clause rights because a CNR is not testimonial evidence. See United States v. Cervantes-Flores, 421 F.3d 825, 834 (9th Cir. 2005) (per curiam).

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Appellant was coherent enough to inform Agent Garcia that he had crossed into the United States, and to point to where he had entered. Appellant was not found at the border, and did not introduce any evidence that his entry was involuntary. Thus, he was not entitled to an instruction on the voluntariness element of his crime. See United States v. Rivera-Sillas, 417 F.3d 1014, 1021 (9th Cir. 2005).

The district court did not err in increasing appellant's sentence based on his prior conviction and deportation. Unless the Supreme Court overrules Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), it, and our precedents following it, remain binding. See United States v. Weiland, 420 F.3d 1062, 1079 n.16 (9th Cir. 2005). Nothing in Shepard v. United States, 125 S. Ct. 1254 (2005), or Dretke v. Haley, 541 U.S. 386 (2004), allows us to depart from circuit precedent.

Appellant objected to calculation of his criminal history points at sentencing, but he did not make clear the basis for his objection. He did not mention the Sixth Amendment, Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), or Blakely v. Washington, 542 U.S. 296 (2004), or claim that the Sentencing Guidelines weren't mandatory. We conclude that he did not fairly raise a Sixth Amendment objection, and that his objection to nonconstitutional error under United States v. Booker, 125

S. Ct. 738 (2005), was waived. We therefore order “a limited remand to the district court . . . for the purpose of ascertaining whether the sentence imposed would have been materially different had the district court known that the sentencing guidelines were advisory.” United States v. Ameline, 409 F.3d 1073, 1074 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc).

AFFIRMED IN PART; REMANDED IN PART.